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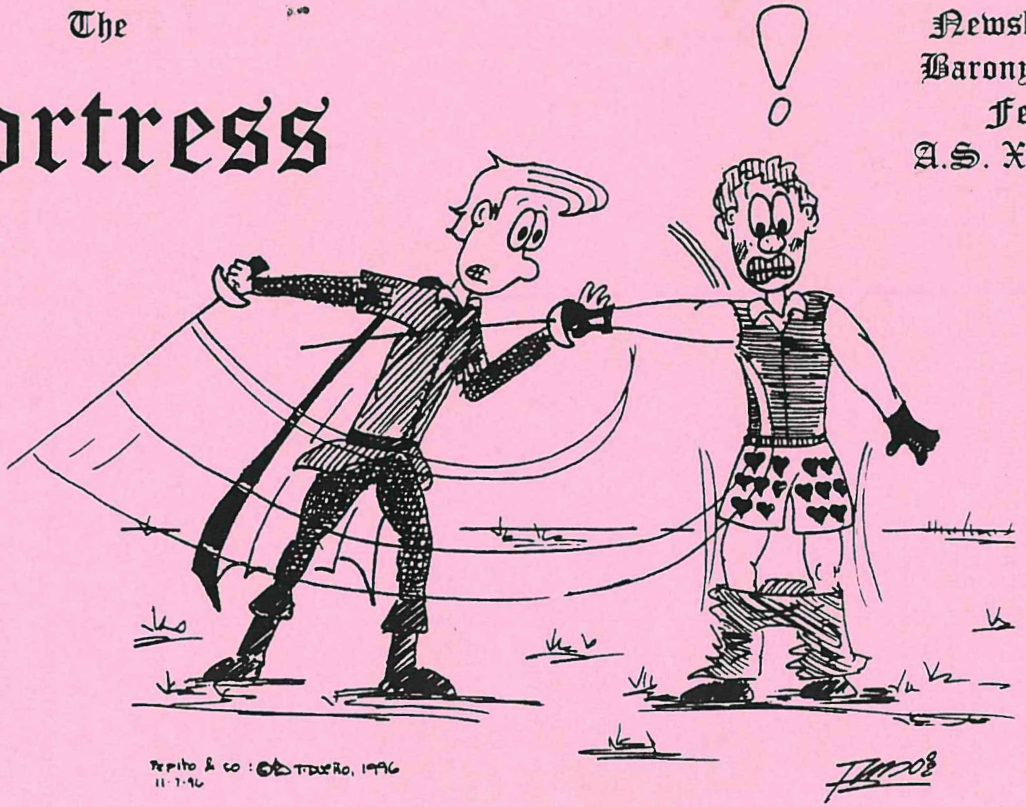

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FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Candlemas Imbolic VI Dance Symposium
2 Dance Symposium	3 Populace	4 Hack & Slash	5 Heraldry	6 Fighter Practice	7 Brewers Guild	8
9 Cooks Guild	10 Calligraphers Recorder Class	11 Costumers	12 Textiles Dancing Class	13 Boffer Guild Bridgit's Bards	14 Estrella War	15 Estrella War
16 Estrella War	17 Calligraphers Archery-indoor Estrella War	18 Herbalists Scots Gaelic Study Group Estrella War	19 Dancing Class Estrella War	20 Fighter Practice	21 Performing Arts Guild	22 Shake Midwinter Blues
23	24 Recorder Class	25 Hypothetical Music Makers	26 University	27 Practice Tourney Bridgit's Bards	28 Engineers Feast	

Upcoming Events

Feb.		
-2	Known World Dance Symposium (Meridies) - continued	
1	Candlemas (Dragonsspine)	12
1	Imbolic VI (Glean Medonach)	
14-19	Estrella War (Atenveldt)	
22	Shake the Midwinter Blues (Dragonsspine)	
28	Engineer's Feast (Schola Metallorum)	11
Mar.		
8-9	Outlands A&S Competition (Kahlland)	
15	Dance Collegium & Ball (Unser Hafen)	
29	April Fool's Masked Ball (Windkeep)	17
April		
5	Fortress/Building Fund Benefit and Revel (Caerthe)	15
12-13	Crown Tournament (Scorpion's Hollow)	
19	Caerthen Fiber Arts Competition & Collegium	16
26	Purple Flamboyance (Caerthe)	18
26	Fun and Frolic in the Frost (Windkeep)	

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From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings Unto the Populace,

War!!! Now is the time for us to join forces with the rest of these Great Outlands and show those lowlanders of Atenveldt who we are. Artisan's and Fighter's alike will be tasked to do their best in the name of the Outlands, so come and support the war effort. We still need help in supporting our fighters on the field so come help with water-bearing, heralding and anything else you can think of, and while there are no shopping war points available, there is still much that can be done.

Attention all Companions of the Sable Lion. At 12th Night, in addition to a medallion bearing the symbol of the order, We included a baldric, which also bears the symbol of the Order. We are willing to create sufficient baldrics for the existing companions of the Order who do not have one or you may create one for yourself. If you are interested in having one made for you, please let us know.

Artisans... Lord Roland is looking for someone who might be willing to exercise their talents in creating Sable Lion Medallions. Master Patrick of the Quiet Wood has been responsible for the creation of the medallions which have been given thus far, and has earned himself a well deserved rest. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for the time and effort he has put forth on behalf of the Barony.

Congratulations to Lady Marguerite d'Isere who is the newest member of the Order of the Dreamer's Cup, Mistress Ariannah Rose of Bishops Lynn who is our new Champion of the Arts and Sciences, Lord Markus von Rinzenburg, Lord Stephan Sorenson and Tristan Grey newest companions of the Order of the Aspen, Lord John Angus Swinford and Otaktay newest companions of the Order of the Sable Lion of Caerthe, Lady Sevilla Maria Magdelina Defauso and Lord Bradden von Sobernheim for receiving their Awards of Arms, Lord Roland O'Rourke - Order of the Argent Hart, Lady Marguerite d'Isere - Order of the Stag's Heart, THL Gabriel Cartier - Order of the Desert Flower, and Special Congratulations go to THL Crispin for being offered admittance to the ancient and honorable Order of the Laurel and His Excellency Athelstan of Bainbridge who is now a Baron of the Court of the Outlands. To all...

Huzzah!

Walter *Fiachra*

FROM THE SENESCHAL

Greetings, good gentles, I send wishes of warmth and happiness to you all!

First, I wish to thank Mistress Mirianna Wrenne and **THL** Gabrielle Cartier for an excellent Caerthen Twelfth Night! I have heard nothing but praise for your event!!

Next, as if I didn't have enough to say last month, Autocrats, I will not sign any event forms that are not accompanied by a budget for the event (handwritten will do). I wasn't too strict about this last year, but I'm intending on starting this year off on the right foot.

Another reminder that Sir Jalut is planning to step down by the time of Estrella. If you've any interest in becoming the Kingdom Earl Marshal, please send him a short letter of interest with a copy to their Majesties.

Those wishing to run an event sometime this Spring or Summer, are greatly encouraged to contact me to see which dates are still available!

TABLED TOPICS FOR NEXT POPULACE MEETING

1. The Canton of Hawks Hollow would like to ask the Barony use of up to $1,000 dollars of its funds, to help fund their May Coronation event, should their bid be accepted. These monies would be paid back as soon as such funds (profits from said event) are available.

2. For some time now, there have been concerns voiced in regards to how much Caerthen Twelfth Night costs to attend. Because I do not wish to sacrifice any quality, and the fact that the site for this event must hold 300-400 people, there are few areas where costs could be cut. Therefore, I have asked the Schola to pencil us in at their feast hall (last used when they hosted Crown tournament, last Spring). This would mean the Barony's cost for site would be greatly reduced and so would site fees. However there are some positives and negatives that we've never dealt with in regards to this event before. If the populace should agree to use this site next year, it would be on a one time trial basis only. I would like any prospective autocrats for this event to know what site will be used before a bid is submitted; therefore, I will be asking the populace to discuss and decide this. More information in regards to the site, will be available at

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populace meeting, so please come to present your opinions/decision. Just so that the populace is aware, Jeffco fairgrounds has already reserved the first weekend in January for our use, so we will not lose the site by postponing this discussion till populace. Again, please come.

I bid those of you who are traveling to war, a safe journey and I hope those of you who stay home make merry and stay warm!!

In Service to the populace and the dream,

Roland O'Rourke

Society for Creative Anachronism Inc.
Barony of Caerthe Treasurer's Report

Balance Forward	November 30, 1996		$7684.76
Expenses:			
Ch # 1266	Scribes - book	$50.00	
Ch # 1267	Seneschal supplies	5.00	
Ch # 1268	Heraldry - book	84.00	
Ch # 1269	Twelfth night deposit	200.00	
Ch # 1270	Twelfth night supplies	200.00	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	$539.00	
Income:			
	Twelfth Night	$916.00	
	Calligraphers	50.00	
	Add back check	24.92	
	Donation	68.51	
	(from Estrella volunteer hours)		
TOTAL INCOME		$1059.43	
Ending Balance	December 31, 1996		$8205.19

Written for the information of the Barony of Caerthe

Marguerite

From the Chronicler

Just a reminder for anyone submitting anything to the Fortress: e-mail is great! This is the easiest way for us to receive submissions, so if you've got it, please submit via e-mail. Fax works, too! Just use the number and follow the instructions printed at the bottom of page 3. For those of you who want to submit plain ol' hardcopy that's OK too. If you're not planning on seeing me at fighter practice or an event, eliminate the middle man and please mail submissions to my deputy Lady Alfretha:

J.W. Dillingham
3760 W. 84th Ave. #33
Westminster, CO 80030

By mailing articles directly to her (she's the one with the computer!) you'll save us time and give us a headstart on the next issue. Anyway, stay warm and keep submitting artwork!

In Service,

MEG

From the Herald

There were no awards given in December. Since Twelfth Night happened at the beginning of January, I will list these in my next article. Hope everyone had fun holidays.

I have received by mail an updated List of Precedence from Mistress Kathryn of Iveraugh. It lists people's awards and when they received them, and also a blazon of their device (if they have one). I will be bringing this list to events, and ask that people check if their entry is correct, so that updated information can be sent if it is not. The Barony also has current copy of the Ordinary and Armorial. This is the book that lists all of the registered names and devices throughout the SCA (the book we use for conflict-checking). I will be trying to bring it to events, also. If you wish to see it at any other time (like guild meetings and such) please call me to ask that I bring it.

In Service,

Richenda

From the Arts & Sciences Officer

Greetings from the Arts and Sciences officer of the Barony of Caerthe.

First, I would like to thank all the entrants, volunteers, teachers, and winners for the November Arts and Sciences Culinary Competition and Collegium. The competition winner was Lady Gwen o Caer Blaiddiau - congratulations!

I would also like to thank all the competition winners and Lady Cecelia Corr Mhaire the outgoing Arts and Sciences Champion. The new Caerthen Baronial Arts and Sciences Champion is Mistress Arriannah Rose of Bishops Lynn - congratulations!

All of the current winners have agreed to run this years competitions and collegiums. I ask that if they have not already done so, to contact Lord Roland the Seneschal to get a date scheduled. In the upcoming year I would like to have an open discussion on children in the Arts and Sciences. I am open to all ideas, not just those from adults - I would also like input from the Barony's young people. I will be giving a date for this discussion in a later article.

My hopes for the Barony are that we continue to grow and move forward in the Arts and Sciences. I am open to all view and ideas.

In Service to the Dream,

Orlafthia

Recorder Class Reminder

As usual recorder classes will be held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. We will be meeting on the 10th and 24th to play. As always, anyone is welcome to attend, no matter what their level of musical experience. Classes are held at 864 S. Pecos St. in Denver. If you have any questions or need directions, call Crispin at 727-9709 or Thomas at 937-0871.

SCRIBE'S GUILD

Our field trip to the Norlin Rare Books Room to see part of their manuscript collection was wonderful. At Mistress Kyriel's suggestion we will try to put together a University with video and photos from the trip.

As of January 1st, Lady Arwen Southernwood is the head of Caerthe's Scribes Guild. Please apply to her for baronial scrolls. Meetings will remain at Wyndylyn's.

Check out our new Scribes Guild web page at:
http://members.aol.com/mcclunes/scribpag.htm.

FEBRUARY COOKS' GUILD

The Caerthen Cooks Guild will meet Sunday, February 9, at 910 Milwaukee St, at 2:00 p.m. In honor of St. Valentine, please bring your favorite aphrodisiacal food! Garb preferred, but not required. Contact Mistress Kate at 322-1907 with any questions.

Future guild meetings this spring will include Indian food, a Japanese Tea Ceremony performed by Hinoki-sama (Mistress Rowen) and a picnic. Please plan on joining us for any and all meetings! Newcomers welcome!

Textiles Guild

February meeting will begin at 7:00 on the 12th. Up for discussion will be the future of the Guild; possible change of meeting day/time, long and short term goals, and future projects, etc.

I would also like an update on their progress from anyone doing a square for the Baronial Quilt. Squares are still available for anyone wishing to do one.

The guild meets at 5015 Beach Ct. Please call (or e-mail) if you have any questions/comments; Lady Cecelia, e/433-0132 or d/556-2270 (Mary), mconley@castle.cudenver.edu.

UNIVERSITY OF CAERTHE

In March we celebrate that characteristically Irish holiday, St. Patrick's Day. It therefore seems appropriate to prepare for it with a University on a characteristically Irish musical instrument, the bodhran. Our speaker will be Grellan O' Conchobhair (pronounced O'Connor) and his topic: "How the Bodhran Went from the Winnowing Floor to the Pub".

We will meet at 7:30 P.M., February 26, the fourth Wednesday of the month, at the home of Bernice of Brittany -- 3495 Newland, Wheat Ridge. All are encouraged to attend. For further information, call Lord Grellan, 287-6963, Mistress Bernice, 233-9558, or Master Robin Vinehall, 444-5004. Period garb is optional, but appreciated.

PERFORMING ARTS GUILD

Thanks to Padraic and Mary for hosting the January Guild Meeting and also thanks to Padraic and Grellan for fine classes in storytelling and percussion. Special thanks go to new attendees Mistress Margaret, Patrice and Anna who brought many fine munchables (What a feast!). They also proved to be fine percussionists in the making!

Classes scheduled for the February meeting are basic vocal technique and playing music without music (playing by ear). We will also be reviewing music for the March Dance Collegium.

It was voted that since the next meeting would officially fall on Valentine's Day, the February meeting would be held on Feb. 21, the following Friday at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be held at the home of THL Wyndylyn (680-1583).

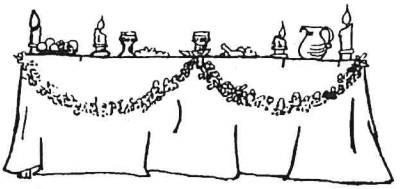
Directions: Make your best way to Chambers and Hampden. Go east on Hampden and make the second right, which is Kalispell. Kalispell will deadend at Lehigh Circle then make a right. Follow it around until you see the banners. The address is 151192 E. Lehigh Circle.

We will see you there !!

If you have any questions contact: Lord Frederick: home 985-7590 - Fax

Archery Practice

Outdoors—Sundays, 1-4 pm, weather permitting. Donations of any archery equipment is requested. Please call Larke of Fletcher at 639-1164 for directions and whether or not it will be held.
Indoors—3rd Mondays, 7-9pm, A-1 Archery (403-0872), 9510 W 58th Ave in Arvada (58th & Independence next to Urban Cowgirl), cost $5.00. Some loaner gear is available. If you have any questions



2nd Annual Engineer's Feast

February 28, 1997

On February 28, make plans to attend the finest event that Schola Metallorum has to offer. The Engineer's Feast in honor of Georgius Agricola. This meal will offer Persian faire and commence at 6:00 pm in Friedhoff Hall in the Green Center. The fabulous food will be followed by dancing, and a surprise that will impress all who attend.

The feast will be for 80 people at the cost of $8. Children under 12 will be $4. There will be no off-board seating at this DRY site, and all candles must be enclosed in glass. Reservations must be paid within two weeks or they will be forfeited. Please make checks out to CSM-SCA.

Reservations:	Colorado School of Mines-SCA Golden, CO 80401 (303) 384-2194 bwolf@mines.edu
Dietary concerns:	Iain MacGhuilleMoire (303) 699-7016 cmorris@earthlink.net

Directions: Get to U.S. Hwy 6 and 19th Ave in Golden. Turn East on 19th and go to the first stop light, Illinois. Turn Left on Illinois and go two blocks to the stop sign at 16th. Turn Right on 16th, and right again into the parking lot. the Green Center is across the street on the right. Friedhoff Hall is in the Northwest corner of the building.

Candlemas

February 1

Join Ye in the Crusades, Be Ye Sinner, Saint, or Saracen!

Come forth all ye of bravehearts, quick wits, and strong arms, for Dragonsspine holds its annual Candlemas, Saturday, Feb. 1, at Sallie Bush Community Center. Join us as we celebrate the Crusades in fun, competitions, and merriment. This year's feast will be prepared by Baroness Miranda and the Cooks Guild of Dragonsspine. Feast is Italian Renaissance (the end of the Crusades) and is limited to 100, so get your reservations in early. Send reservations to the autocrat, Lady Ayslynn.

Menu (including but not limited to):
Stuffed eggs

Bollito Verduri (Beef and vegetables in green sauce) Linguini al Limone (Pasta in lemon sauce)
Polo (Chicken stuffed with rice, fruit, and pine nuts) Torte di Spinacia (Spinach pie)
In Salata (Salad)
Panforte (Fruit, nut, and spice cake)

As always, please indicate any special dietary needs at the time of reservation.

Fees:

Site and Feast for paid reservations by Jan. 15 $10.00 Site fee after Jan. 15 and at door $4.00
Feast fee after Jan. 15 if available $9.00

Smalls 12 and under: No site fee, feast 1/2 price.
RESERVATIONS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!
Directions: Take I-25 to Colorado Springs. Take exit 141 (Hwy 24 west) and continue on until the second Green Mountain Falls exit. Turn left and follow signs.

Site opens: 10 am
Site closes: 10 pm
Court at the discretion of Their Majesties and the Coronets of Dragonsspine

Competitions

Heavy weapons (list opens at 11:00)

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Fencing (List opens at 11:00)

Children's activities hosted by Lady Lydia Garb Competition : An award will be presented for best garb using purple from any period of the Crusades (all approximately 400 years of them). Emphasis on the purple.

If there is enough snow, martial competitions will become snow ball fights between fencers and heavy weapons fighters with recruits from any one wishing to participate. If it is just too cold to fight outside, martial competitions will beheld indoors with a modified format.

Vendors are welcome but please remember space is limited. A donation to the prize pool will serve as a vendor's fee. If inclement weather forces the fencing and fighting indoors, you may have to be pushed back up against the walls.

Crash space can be arranged.

Unaccompanied minors must have a medical power of attorney, a statement designating someone over 21 on site as acting guardian, to include the name of the event, location, name of designated adult, date of the event, and signed minor waiver.

For more information, contact the autocrat:

Lady Ayslynn merch Guincatan (Pat Coleman)
3451 Queen Anne Way
Colorado Springs, CO 80917 (719) 597-4944
email:coleman@ppcc.colorado.edu

BARONIAL DIRECTORY

Baronial directories are now available from Lady Cecelia. Cost is $1.00. She will have them available at Caerthen events and end of the month practice tourneys.

If you have corrections or additions for next year's directory, information must be provided in written or email form. Oral corrections will not be accepted. Send information to Lady Cecelia at:

Mary Conley
5015 Beach Court
Denver, Colorado 80221
email: mconley@castle.cudenver.edu

DRAGONSSPINE ARTS & SCIENCES COMPETITION AT CANDLEMAS

The title says it all — except for categories, which will be: Calligraphy; Illumination; Metalwork (armor, weapons, jewelry); Fabric (spinning/weaving, garb, embroidery); Leather (armor, garb, decoration); comestibles (food, drink); Performing Arts (song, music [vocal/instrumental], skits, dance), and Other.

All may enter the competition with the highest placing Dragonsspinian becoming Baronial Champion. There will be several prizes offered.

We have moved our A&S competition to Candlemas to avoid conflict with Coronation. We expect to return to our original November weekend next year. Watch for notice.

Lady Ayslyn has graciously agreed to provide space for this competition at Candlemas. To return the favor, we will try to be prompt and concise. The site opens at 10 am, whence A&S entries will be accepted. Judging will start at 11:30 and be completed by 2:30*, with tear-down completed by 3:30 to allow feast set-up.

* Performing Arts will occur from 4:00 - 5:00, followed by Court.

If there are any questions regarding the competition, please contact Duchess Selene of the Sky, c/o Penny Tegen, 2926 Valarie Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80917-3832, (719) 597-5259.

PS: I need judges! Please volunteer.

BID ON YOUR FAVORITE FIGHTER -
THE HIGHEST BID WINS THAT FIGHTER!
(what you do with that fighter is between you and the fighter)
For more details see the article for **Purple Flamboyance!**

DRUM DRUM DRUM DRUM DRUM DRUM DRUM DRUM DRUM
Drumming at Purple Flamboyance & Fighter Auction!
Open to all levels!
Drumming presentations to stir the stoutest of hearts!
Come and enjoy!
For more details see the Purple Flamboyance article.

Caerthen Fiber Arts Competition and Collegium

April 19

Come one, come all to the annual arts event celebrating the fiber artists of our great barony! I would also like to encourage those people from outside our barony to enter as well. Please come join in the joy of sharing our artistry. We sill be using the Unitarian Church on 14th and Lafayette, which is a wet site! Lunch will be prepared by her ladyship Gabrielle Cartier, and the feast will be done by Lady Yuki. Site fee will be $5.00, feast and lunch fees will be announced next month. Site opens at 9:00am and close at 11:00pm sharp! More information concerning the competition and class swill be in the next issue of the Fortress.

WHEN: April 19th
WHERE: 1400 Lafayette St. Denver, CO 80218
WHO: Lady Rhiannon Wild Heart (Autocrat)
15951 E. 13th Pl. #210
Aurora, CO (303) 344-9290
LUNCH: THL Gabrielle Cartier
FEAST: Lady Yuki

There is also a need for teachers and judges - please contact the autocrat ASAP and make her a happy woman!

April Fool's Masque Ball

March 29,1997
Shire of Windkeep

The Shire of Windkeep invites all to come and join in our merriment on Saturday, the 29th day of March, AS 31 (1997); for April Fools Masque Ball III. Many silly and frivolous activities are scheduled. Bring a mask, or be prepared to make one there. Prizes will be awarded for the best mask brought, and the best mask made on site. The royalty of misrule will be chosen by chance. Armored fighting and fencing, fun and games will be held according to weather and interest.

Reservations for the event is greatly encouraged. We plan to serve the first 75, at this time. Prepaid reservations (site and feast) are $8.00 before the 22nd of March. At the door feast fee, space available, will be $10.00. Smalls (6-12) are half price. Little ones (5 and under) are free. Day tripping fee (1:00 - 5:30) at the door will be $5.00. No sideboard seating permitted. Dessert/Sotilteis (dessert to serve six) competition with an appropriate prize shall be held. Competition entries close at 5:00 p.m.

Site open at 1:00 p.m., closes at midnight, feast at 6:00 p.m. Site is discreetly wet (remove your containers, no hard liquor).

The site is Lions Park Community Center; best way to Cheyenne, Wyoming, from I-25 north take exit 12 east (light); continue on Central Ave. to Kennedy Drive (northwest corner of park) turn southwest (light); continue on to Carey Ave. Turn southeast (left); continue south on Carey until signs at inter park road to the left (Botanic Gardens), turn east (left); follow signs.

Contact the Autocrat:
Lady Renate Koven (Pat Hansen)
10205 Powderhouse Road
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009-9689
telephone (307)635-1320

Calendar Art Wanted

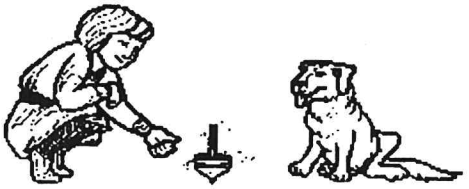
We need you for the next (1998) Artists of the Outlands Calendar. This is your chance to have your work published where non-SCA people will see it; hanging in offices and homes of SCA gentles, or given as gifts.

Calendar art requirements: Black and White only for 1998; Horizontal orientation; Manageable size that will reduce or enlarge well to 8.5 x 11 inches; Originals or high quality near professional grade prints only

The deadline for submissions for the 1998 calendar is March 31, 1997.

Send submissions to:

Caerthen Building Fund Calendar 1998
c/o Mary Conley
5015 Beach Ct.
Denver, CO 80221



FORTRESS AND BUILDING FUND BENEFIT REVEL
April 5, 1997

Come one and all to the Fortress and Building Fund Benefit Revel! Come support your newsletter and help to build a dream. The event will be held at the Arvada Presbyterian Church, 5592 Independence. Map and directions will be in following issues. The site is DRY and NON-SMOKING. The date has been changed to April 5 (to accommodate the church, and so that we can all go to Windkeep the preceding weekend to see THL Crispin receive his Laurel!) Site will open at 5:00 p.m. and close at 11:00 p.m.

Many thanks to THL Tule and Lady Taryn for their donations of clothing, accessories, etc. (too numerous to list here). We are still seeking donations of an SCA-appropriate nature (garb, books, feast gear, trim, fabric, food...) If you have questions, comments, would like to arrange drop-off or pickup of donations, or want to volunteer (for set-up, running, etc.), please call the autocrats, Johann and Kseniya, at 730-7438.

PURPLE FLAMBOYANCE & FIGHTER AUCTION

On Saturday, April 26 at the National Guard Armory (on Potomac off of 6th Avenue) there will be an event of amazing benefit! The fighters of Caerthe, in an attempt to raise money for their special projects have agreed to auction themselves off to the highest bidder! The auction will start promptly at 11:00 a.m. All proceeds from the auction will be given to the fighters of Caerthe. Anyone who would like to be auctioned off with the fighters to raise additional funds for the fighters just needs to show up by 11:00.

To start our blood pounding and to bring roses to our cheeks (!) we will begin the day at 8:30 a.m. with a class on drumming. At 10:00 a.m. there will be a drumming presentation put on by some of the premier drummers of the Northern Outlands. To be sure, the floors and ceilings will shake and all who witness this spectacle will be much enlivened!

At 1:00 p.m. after the fighter auction there will be two tournaments. The first tournament will involve the fighters and those who hold their highest bid in a two-some against their worthy opponents. The non-fighter will be armed with poisoned darts. The second tourney will be some sort of terrific fighters delight!

At approximately 6:30 p.m. Mistress Aurora has agreed to provide us with an evening feast. We will follow this culinary perfection with an evening court where prizes and acknowledgments will be given out.

So now you're wondering where the Purple Flamboyance comes into all of this. In the grand tradition of the former Color Courts of Mistress Morigan di Winter, this event will focus on the color Purple! IN FACT: this is a PURPLE CHALLENGE to the rest of the Kingdom! SOUND THE DRUMS & LET THE PURPLE WARS BEGIN! Some of the battles to be held in this War will be: Most Purple Garb (Male, Female, Child); Best Use of Purple; Most Shades of Purple combined to make one outfit; Most Unusual to find an Item being Purple; Most Deadly Purple; Most Eatable Purple; Purple Accessories; etc. (All purple items displayed at this event become the property of the autocrat.)

There will be more details on the feast and this event in next month's article Site opens at 8:00 a m and will close by 10:00 p.m. The autocrat for this event is Tess of the Crossings If you need more details before next month's article please contact Tess at 306-1430 or talk with Lord Kronos at Fighter Practice

SCATHING ON THIN ICE: Observations and information from the poison pen of *RANDAL THE MALCONTENT.*

Greetings Untarnished Troops, Today we spoke fun at...
"COURTLY SPEECH or HOW DARE HE PRACTICE UPON OUR CREDULOUS SIMPLICITY?"

Sounds neat, huh'? Love to mangle-that-saxon. How to? Good question, bro. That depends on how you learn and the strength of your vocabulary. Let's face it, the variety/content on the palette of English vocabulary in daily use has gone steadily downward since the Civil War (since then we've gotten less civil). If you want to use courtly speech you've got to watch a lot of movies/plays or read a lot of books that have the medieval flavor. Try some of the following movies. Monty Python (the true Grail), The Princess Bride, The Three Musketeers, Cyrano De Bergerac (my personal favorite), Ladyhawk, the list is extensive. If you like to read; The Crystal Cave, any Arthurian legend book, The Lord of the Rings books (Stop wincing, we're talking about style, not content.), Shakespeare, Gilbert and Sullivan plays, etc.

I've learned that you can say something derogatory about a person's features, dress, accent or ancestry and they'll LAUGH (before they challenge you to single combat) if it's in some form of courtly speech. Insults seem to be revered and treasured in the Society; especially if you can avoid those worn out, tried and true, consonant heavy, traditionals having far too much to do with bodily functions, fluids, protuberances and orifices (and the heretofore anatomically impossible assembly thereof). Forsooth, he doth spake verily, withal adroit and comely, n'est pa?

Here's some examples/ hints on how to get into this stuff:
-Use words from another language, especially FRENCH. It was THE language of the high-brow throughout our period of interest. EXAMPLE: "Thou are not attending feast, mon ami?"
-THEE, THOU instead of "you." DOTH instead of "does." Older forms of verbs where practical. EXAMPLE: GOEST for goes, COMEST HITHER for comes, SPAKE instead of speak and a host of others. Speak more slowly, elaborately, grandly, pompously. Gentles took their time and wandered around verbally before they got to the point (not unlike your congenital host). Take your time so you can think as you go.(DON'T TRY THIS DURING COURT!) Call on the Almighty, Holy objects, persons (Saints and God's immediate family), events (crucifixions, resurrections, beheadings, imprisonments) and other religious vocabulary (by grace). EVERYONE was highly religious so it's appropriate and period (If any real fanatics are offended, tough. I am the Malcontented one after all...)

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Barony of Caerthe
Income Statement - October 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996

INCOME

1.Direct Contributions	$ 275.35
2.Program Service Income	4602.86
6.Interest Earned on Deposit Accounts	11.06
7.Income rec'd from Outside the Kingdom	68.51
9.GROSS INCOME	$ 4957.78

EXPENSES	Program Admin.	Service	Total
10. Supplies	176.74	1527.17	1703.91
11 Food		1906.99	1906.99
13. Occupancy		835.00	835.00
14. Equipment rental		99.75	99.75
23. Fees	20.00		
24. Insurance		80.00	80.00
25. Donations	350.00		350.00
26. Sub-Totals	546.74	4448.91	4995.65

27.Transfers (to other groups in Kingdom)	616.00
28.TOTAL EXPENSES	5611.65
29.NET INCOME (Transfer to Balance Sheet)	(-653.87)

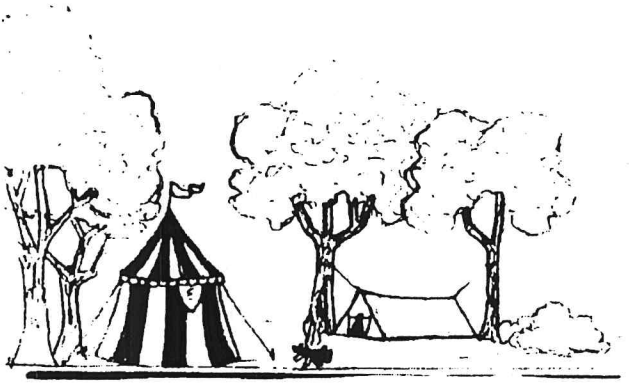
Comparative Balance Sheet

	Previous Present Period	Period
I. Assets		
a)Cash	$8764.12	$8099.19
b)Cash earning interest	1463.64	1474.70
h)Total Assets	10227.76	9573.89
III. Net Worth	10277.76	9573.89

Proof - Change in Net Worth	(-653.87)
Net Income for the Quarter	(-653.87)
The difference must equal zero	0.00

Artists of the Outlands Calendars

Now is the time to get your artists of the Outlands Calendars for 1997! Calendars should be available form any of the Building fund board members at events, or contact a member directly
Board: Johann of the Northern Moors, Marguerite d'Isere, William Petheram of Somerset, Cecelia Corr Mhaire, Roland O'Rourke.



Art Credits

Tatiana Bonacieux	Cover
Lady Cecelia	4
Lady Arwen	7, 9, 13, 21 bottom
THL Crispin	8
Mistress Ariannah Rose	10
Lady Meghan	11
Mistress Rowen	14
Mistress Mirianna	15, 16, 17
Unknown	21 top

Canton of Hawk's Hollow

The Canton of Hawk's Hollow is a subsidiary branch of the Barony of Caerthe located in the northern metropolitan area including the cities of Westminster, Thornton, Northglenn, and Commerce City.
Populace meetings are held on the 1st Friday of each month at 7:30pm. Children and friends are encouraged to attend.
Directions: I-25 north to Thornton Pkwy, west on Pkwy to Pecos (about 1.5 mi), north on Pecos to 1st left. (.4 mi in to Redwood Estates, .2 ml to stop sign) Clubhouse on the NW corner.
Fighter practice The practice of the Canton is held with Caerthe's practice. See Baronial listing.

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Schola Metallorum

(Incipient College)

The College of Schola Metallorum is another subsidiary branch of the Barony and is associated with the Colorado School of Mines in Golden. The Schola Metallorum office phone is 384-2194.

Populace meetings are held every 2 weeks. Call the Seneschal for details.

Fighter practice Tuesdays at 6:00pm at Kafadar Commons (good weather) or Mines Fieldhouse (poor weather).

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(Brian Goff)

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Reeve

(Roy Pfaltzgraf)

Barony of Caerthe — Meetings, Practices, Guilds & Miscellany

Populace Meeting
7:30 pm-First Mondays at the Aurora National Guard Armory at 55 Potomac St. in Aurora. (Same site as fighter practice, downstairs.) Contact Lord Roland at 341-5765.

Fighter Practice
Heavy Weapons-6:30pm each Thursday at the Aurora National Guard Armory on Potomac. Contact Lord John Swinford at 364-5004.
Fencing-same as above. Contact Lady Angelique at 428-7754.
Archery-1 to 4pm on Sundays at 4860 Joliet St. weather permitting. Call Lord Larke at 639-1164 to confirm.

Guilds, Classes, & Meetings
Armorers' Guild — Contact Lord John Swinford 364-5004.
Autocrats Guild — 3rd Thursdays at the fighter practice site. Contact Roland at 341-5765.
Belly Dancing Guild — No regular meetings, but private lessons are available. Contact Triana at 252-0788.
Boffer Guild — 6:30pm 2nd Thursdays at fighter practice site. Contact Lord Zachariah at 322-1907.
Brewers Guild — 1st Fridays at 7:00pm before the Hawks Hollow Populace Meeting (see Canton listing for address & directions.) For more info call Stasia at 940-7746.
Bridgit's Bards — 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 8:00pm 2365 S. Franklin. Contact Mistress Vivien at 777-6759-Please call first!
Calligraphers, Illuminators & Illustrators Guild — 2nd & 3rd Mondays 7pm at 15912 East Lehigh Circle. Contact Wyndylyn at 680-1583.
College of Bardic Arts — Contact Mistress Aleen, 777-9364. Events include quarterly bardic circles.
Cooks Guild — Contact Mistress Katherine Holford at 322-1907, 910 Milwaukee St. Denver. Bake sale 2nd Thursdays at fighter practice.
Costumers Guild — 2nd Tuesday, 2435 S. Franklin. Contact Mistress Aleen 777-9364. 7:30 pm.
Dancing Classes — 2nd & 3rd Wednesdays 7pm at 15912 East Lehigh Circle. Contact Wyndylyn at 680-1583.
Equestrian Guild — 1st Sundays at 7 pm at 2860 Humboldt. Call 294-0266 (Mark or Tangwystel) for directions. For information: Regan at 344-0600 or 366-3292. Riding opportunities: Gegu at 752-3137.
Hack & Slash Sewing Circle & Mercenary Gossip Mongers Society — 1st Tuesdays at 7:00pm-Lady Rhiannon Wild Heart 15951 E. 13th Place #210, Aurora 344-9290.
Heraldry Meeting — 1st Wednesdays at 1645 Valentia St. Denver. Call Lady Richenda at 455-6728 for info or Lady Gabrielle or Mistress Mirianna at 394-4003 for directions.
Herbalists Guild — 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm at Mistress Aleen's, 2435 S. Franklin St Denver 777-9364.
Hypothetical Music Makers Meeting — 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm. For information call Vivien or Rowen at 777-6759.
Performing Arts Guild — 2nd Fridays. Contact Lord Frederick at 985-7590 (email ross@nilenet.com) for info.
Recorder Classes — 2nd & 4th Mondays 7-9pm at 864 S. Pecos St. Denver. Call Crispin at 727-9709 or Thomas at 937-0871 for more information or directions.
Scots Gaelic Study Group — 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 pm, 2465 South Franklin Street, Denver. Call Mistress Rowen at 777-6759 for information.
Textiles Guild — 2nd Wednesdays, 7:00pm, at 5015 Beach, Denver. Call Lady Cecelia at 433-0132

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